aquaculture, animal husbandry, poultry farming, Krishi Vigyan Kendras etc. for development of science & technology in rural areas.

(c) In other North-Eastern States, programmes under science communication, bio-technology, non-conventional energy, seismicity, S&T entrepreneurship, basic research agricultural research, research facilities, Natural Resource Data Management System and core support for strengthening State S&T Councils etc. have been supported to develop Science & Technology.

Upgrading Drought Monitoring Cell in Banglore

2872. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government seeking financial assistance towards technology upgradation of the drought monitoring cell, Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount of financial assistance sought for; and

(c) the action, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1.0 Crore.

(c) Action has been initiated to evaluate the proposal.

Initiatives Against Natural Disasters

2873. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be plesed to state:

(a) the pre-disaster and post-disaster technology based initiatives launched so far by Government in order to mitigate hardships from natural disasters being faced by the country;

(b) the studies undertaken so far, of the earthquake affected structures and cyclone resistant structures by National Earthquake Risk Evaluation Centers in the country and with what results;